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To: [Wasem, Russell](#)
Subject: Fwd: Have you treated an animal who was poisoned by a rodenticide?
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tell the EPA About Your Experience Treating Rodenticide Poisoning

Dear Colleague,

Last year, we asked veterinary professionals to [report cases of rodenticide poisoning](#) to the National Pesticide Information Center in order to make the Environmental Protection Agency aware of the magnitude and pattern of unintended poisonings from rat and mouse poisons. This information was also needed to help the EPA in their decision on whether or not to cancel the registrations of several products that have not complied with new safety measures.

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In preparation for this hearing, the EPA is seeking veterinary professionals with clinical experience treating poisoning by second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) and by bromethalin. SGARs are currently only sold under the d-Con brand. Previously, some TomCat and Ortho brand products contained SGARs. Common brand names of bromethalin products are TomCat, Real Kill, and Assault.

Dear Mr Wasem,
I am writing in regard to the above.

As an emergency clinician I see a lot of rat bait dogs. The good news is most have ingested the type that responds to simple decontamination and vitamin K therapy. Worst case scenario I have to give them plasma or even a blood transfusion if they were exposed and are bleeding out- even most of these survive if the owner has the financial means to treat them.

In the case of the bromethalin intoxication- I can decontaminate and then it is hurry up and wait. We hospitalize them, keep them on fluids, give them medication to try to help with the brain swelling and hope and pray that we got the pet decontaminated before he /she was able to absorb the toxin. If it has already been absorbed, then it may be too late. Brain swelling is a slow and horrible death for our companion animals as well as the rodents it is intended to kill.

Please consider removing this horrible toxin from the shelves- it probably has a similar effect in children.....could you even imagine?


With respect,
Ariana Finkelstein, DVM
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Subject: Have you treated an animal who was poisoned by a rodenticide?


**The EPA needs your help to protect pets and other animals
from becoming victims of rodenticide poisoning.**

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you have treated victims of SGAR and/or bromethalin rodenticides, please contact the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. Information about your clinical experience will help ensure these most harmful rodenticides must finally comply with EPA-mandated safety measures.

Contact Rusty Wasem at EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs at Russell.Wasem@epa.gov or by phone at (703) 305-6979. During the current partial federal government shutdown, you can leave an e-mail or message for Rusty so he can get back to you when he's back in the office.

Thank you in advance for your help in removing these dangerous rat and mouse poisons from the market.

Sincerely,



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Veterinary Advisor



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